

**DECISION**



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**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-203717.2

DATE: July 31, 1981

MATTER OF: University City Science Center

**DIGEST:**

Protest against amount of time solicitation allowed for preparation of proposals is dismissed as untimely since protest was not filed in GAO prior to closing date for receipt of initial proposals as required by Bid Protest Procedures.

University City Science Center (University) protests as inadequate the amount of time offerors were allowed for the preparation of offers under request for proposals (RFP) No. 81-20-0064 issued by the Argonne National Laboratory, United States Department of Energy.

We dismiss the protest as untimely.

Our Office received University's protest letter on July 1, 1981. The closing date for the receipt of initial proposals was June 19, 1981. Under Our Bid Protest Procedures, any protest based upon alleged improprieties in any type of solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening or the closing date for the receipt of initial proposals must be filed (received) in our Office prior to bid opening or the closing date for the receipt of initial proposals. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2 (b)(1) (1981). In light of this, University was required to protest the alleged insufficient amount of time allowed for the preparation of proposals prior to the RFP's closing date of June 19, 1981. Its protest of July 1, 1981, then, is clearly untimely and not for consideration on the merits.

The protest is dismissed.

*[Protest Alleging Inadequate Time Allowance for Preparation of  
Harry R. Van Cleve  
Offers]*

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